REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-26 have subjected to a six-way Restriction Requirement and various Election of Species Requirements.

More specifically, the Examiner alleges that claims 1-10 are drawn to a first invention (Group I), claims 13-15 are drawn to a second invention (Group II), and claims 16-26 are drawn to a third invention (Group III). Moreover, the Examiner alleges that claims 16-20 are drawn to a fourth invention (Group IIIA), claims 21 and 22 are drawn to a fifth invention (Group IIIB), and claims 23-26 are drawn to a sixth invention (Group IIIC).

To expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Applicant elects, **without traverse**, claims 1-12 as drawn to the first invention (Group I).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of all the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide an early indication of allowability.

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